

DETAILED ACTION

1. Status of the instant application:

Claims 1, 3, 9-10, 13-20, and 26-28 are pending in the instant application.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicants amendments and remarks and arguments filed 05/17/2010 have been fully considered, please see the office action below for details.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
4. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert H. Kelly, Reg. # 33,922 on 06/11/2010.
5. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims

6. Insert where underlined and delete where ~~striketrough~~ in claims 1, 13, and 26.

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for a communication network having at least a mobile node and a home node, the home node having a configured desktop email manager capable of automatically effectuating a plurality of different dispositions for different email messages received at the home node, according to how the home-node desktop email manager is configured, and the mobile node comprising a memory device operable to store a current configuration status included in a confirmation message, said apparatus for reconfiguring the home-node desktop email manager from the mobile node, ~~said system~~ apparatus comprising:

a configuration status request message generator selectably coupled to the communication network and configured for selectably generating a status summary request for transmission to the home node in order to determine the current configuration of the desktop email manager;

a receiver configured to receive a configuration status summary of the current configuration of the desktop email manager;

a reconfiguration message generator selectably coupled to the communication network for generating a reconfiguration message comprising instructions to make changes to a home-node configuration file for reconfiguring the ~~desktop email manager, to cause~~

~~reconfiguration~~ of effectuation of disposition of the email messages responsive to the reconfiguration message;

a transmitter configured to transmit the reconfiguration message to the home-node,

wherein the home-node performs the reconfiguration of the home-node desktop email

manager if the home-node determines the reconfiguration message is considered to be

proper and logically consistent with the home-node desktop email manager;

whereby a first type email message received at the home node from the communication

network is automatically provided a first type of disposition prior to receipt of the

reconfiguration message and provided a second type disposition after receipt of the

reconfiguration message, email messages being unchanged by dispositions.

Claim 13. (Currently Amended) A method for reconfiguring a home-node desktop email_manager through a communication network, the home-node desktop email manager being capable of automatically effectuating a plurality of different dispositions for different email messages received at the home node, according to how the home-node desktop email manager is configured, said method comprising:

providing a mobile node operable to communicate in the communication network, the mobile node comprising a memory device operable to store a current configuration status summary included in a confirmation message, if any, from the home node subsequent to a reconfiguration;

transmitting to the mobile node a configuration status message if a configuration status summary request message has been received;

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generating a reconfiguration message comprising instructions to make changes to a home-node configuration file to request initiation of reconfiguration of disposition of the email messages;

transmitting the reconfiguration message to the home node via the communication network;

determining at the home node whether changes identified in the reconfiguration message are logically inconsistent with the current desktop email manager settings; and ~~selectably~~ performing the reconfiguration of the home-node desktop email manager requested in the reconfiguration message if the reconfiguration message is considered to be proper and logically consistent with the home-node desktop email manager;

whereby a first type email message received at the home node from the communication network is automatically provided a first type of disposition prior to receipt of the reconfiguration message and provided a second type disposition after receipt of the reconfiguration message, email messages being unchanged by dispositions.

Claim 26. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for a home node of a communication network having a mobile node comprising a memory device operable to store a current configuration status message, the home node having a configured desktop email manager capable of automatically effectuating a plurality of different dispositions for different email messages received at the home node, according to how the home-node desktop email manager is configured, said apparatus comprising:

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a configuration status summary generator configured to generate a mobile-node-terminated configuration status summary of a current configuration of the email manager responsive to a status summary request; and

a home node reconfiguration message processor configured to effectuate reconfiguration of configuration of the disposition of email messages responsive to reception of a reconfiguration message that comprises instructions to make home-node, configuration-file changes;

a receiver configured to receive the reconfiguration message from the mobile node, wherein the home-node performs the reconfiguration of the home-node desktop email manager if the home-node determines the reconfiguration message is considered to be proper and logically consistent with the home-node desktop email manager;
whereby a first type email message received at the home node from the communication network is automatically provided a first type of disposition prior to receipt of the reconfiguration message and provided a second type disposition after receipt of the reconfiguration message, email messages being unchanged by dispositions.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 1, 3, 9-10, 13-20, and 26-28 are allowed.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HO SHIU whose telephone number is (571)270-3810. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur (8:30am - 4:00pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on 571-272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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